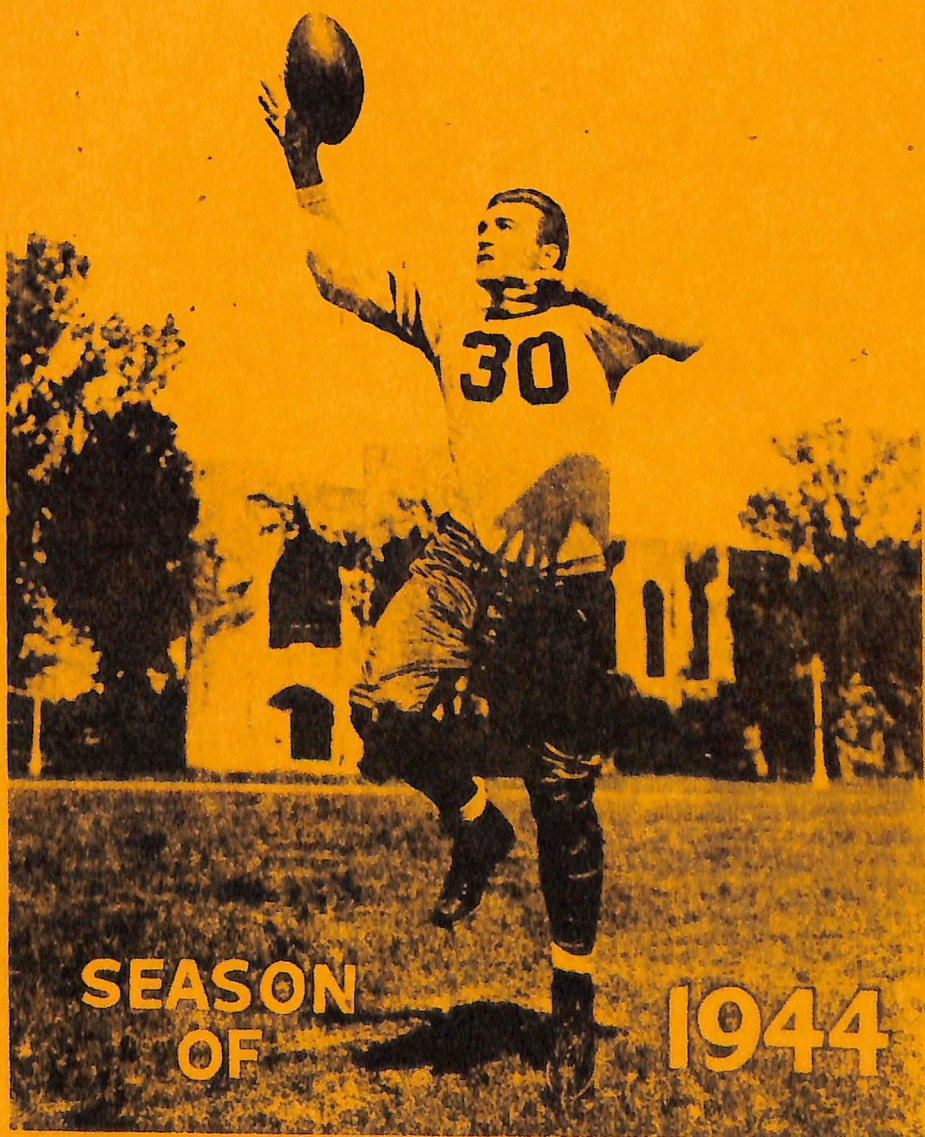


# *Chicago* **BEARS**



**SEASON  
OF**

**1944**



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- THE SCHEDULE -

Sept. 24	--	Bears	--	Packers	--	at Green Bay
Oct. 8	--	Bears	--	Rams	--	at Cleveland
Oct. 15	--	Bears	--	Card-Pitt	--	at Chicago
Oct. 22	--	Bears	--	Lions	--	at Chicago
Oct. 29	--	Bears	--	Rams	--	at Chicago
Nov. 5	--	Bears	--	Packers	--	at Chicago
Nov. 12	--	Bears	--	Yankees	--	at Chicago
Nov. 19	--	Bears	--	Lions	--	at Detroit
Nov. 26	--	Bears	--	Eagles	--	at Philadelphia
Dec. 3	--	Bears	--	Card-Pitt	--	at Pittsburgh

CONNIE BERRY — End

Matriculated from North Carolina State university with a degree in textile manufacturing, three football and basketball citations and 2 for baseball. Was captain of the cagers in 1937. Was born in Greenville, N. C., April 19, 1916 and attended the Parker prep school there. He stands 6 feet, 3 inches and weighs 218 pounds. Third season. Is called Warhorse

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ABE CROFT — End

Houston, Texas claims he came from Houston and Abe doesn't object for he was born there March 12, 1922, which makes him one of the squad's youngest. Houston is still his permanent home. He attended Southern Methodist and in addition to a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education went out with 3 grid letters and 2 for track. He hopes to become a football coach and there is no reason why he shouldn't. Weight 183; Height 6 feet.

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ELMO KELLY — End

Was born in Tipton, Okla., Feb. 10, 1917 and it is still the old home town. After graduating from high school enrolled at Wichita University and finished with a B.A. degree and four letters for football, it being the only sport that appealed to him. Voted with the majority of the squad for steak as the favorite dish. Weighs 200 pounds and measures 6 feet,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

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RUDY SMEJA — End

A native of Chicago he was born Dec. 1, 1920 and the Windy City is still the home town. Rudy chose the University of Michigan and graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He also found time to earn three major football letters. Rudy, whose hobby is any sport, rears 6 feet, 2 inches and weighs 196 pounds. He owes allegiance to the ATO fraternity and is a "softy" for apple pie.

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GEORGE WILSON -- End

One of the native Chicagoans on the roster, "Ducky" will be 30 years old February 3. Began football career at Austin high school in the Windy City, then enrolled at Northwestern. Was a big help in putting Wildcats over as Big Ten grid champs in 1936. Owes allegiance to Sigma Nu. Stands 6 feet 1 inch and tips the beam at 190. He is captain this year.

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ALBERT BABARTSKY — Tackle

Served four seasons with the Chicago Cardinals before being traded to the Bears last year. Was one of the famous "Blocks of Granite" at Fordham. Weighs 225 pounds and measures an even 6 feet. Birthplace was Shenandoah, Pa., and it happened April 19, 1915. He is a teacher and makes his permanent home in Chicago.

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ALBERT HOPTOWIT -- Tackle

Graduate of Washington State univeristy and owns Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Played football three years for as many letters. Lives in Yakima, Wash., where he was born Sept. 7, 1915. Prepped at Wapato, Wash. Weighs 218 pounds and is 6 feet, 1 inch tall. Ambitious to become a coach. Third year.

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THOMAS ROBERTS -- Tackle

Born April 1, 1916 in New Troy, Mich., and now lives in Chicago. A "honey" of a football player he intends to go into the "honey" business for his hobby is keeping bees. His favorite athlete is Nagurski and he strings along with the majority that steak is the meal. He is 6 feet, 1½ inches tall and weighs 190. Alma Mater is DePaul, Chicago.

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DOMINIC SIGILLO -- Tackle

Was born in Storrs, Utah, March 7, 1916 but went to high school in Columbus (Central) and woundup at Xavier university in Cincinnati where he won three football letters, the last in 1936, including a PH B degree and the Sword and Plume when he was 9th in a class of 76. Weighs 230, and stands 5 feet, 11 inches. This is his third Bear term.

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### EDWARD SPRINKLE — Tackle

The second Hardin-Simmons man to play on the team, the favor to Ed and the Bears being done by the one and only Clyde "Bulldog" Turner. Ed was born in Bradshaw, Texas, Sept. 3, 1923 but now lives in Abilene, Texas. At the college he won 3 letters for football and 2 for basketball and this same Turner is his athletic hero. He weighs 190 and stands 6 feet, 1 inch and is one of the youngest players.

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### JACOB SWEENEY — Tackle

One of the youngest members of the squad at 21, Jake was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 5, 1923 and Cincy is the same old home town. His business objective is to become an automobile dealer after the war and his hobby is unusual -- just meeting people and for that reason he auto be successful selling autos. Weight 240, height 6 feet, 3 inches, which registers him as one of the "burlys".

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### PETER GUDUASKAS — Guard

In his second season in the big time with the Bears, Pete is already established a converter of points. He was born in Georgetown, Ill., Oct. 19, 1916, and went to college at Murray State Teachers in Texas, which makes him the first man from that school to become a Bear. Letters for grid and track and a B.S. degree. Wants to become a coach. Weighs 222 and stands 6 feet, 2 inches. Favors steak and Nagurski.

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GEORGE MUSSO -- Guard

"Moose" is in his twelfth season with the Bears. He is one of the giants of the circuit -- weighs 270 pounds. Was awarded 12 major letters at James Millikin University in football, baseball and basketball, and track. Born in Collinsville, Ill., April 8, 1910. Owns a Bachelor of Science degree. All-league selection 1935 (guard), 1937-8 (tackle).

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GEORGE ZORICH -- Guard

Wakefield, Mich., was where George was christened after his entrance into the world Nov. 24, 1915 and Wakefield is still the home address. He went to Northwestern and emerged with a B.S. degree and 3 football letters. His idea is to get into automotive engineering and he gets it after a good steak dinner. George weighs a mere 219 and measures 6 feet, 2½ inches. He will go hunting or fishing anytime.

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FREDRICK MUNDEE -- Center

May 20, 1913 is birthday and the first one was in Youngstown, Ohio, where he eventually enrolled at South high school. Selected Notre Dame and played 1933-6, being awarded his N.D. the last two seasons. Played pro football but not in National league. Leads gang in raising a family (three children). Tips beam at 220 and stands 6 feet, 1 inch. Call him "Moon".

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NO.	NAME	POS.	COL
2...	Gary Famiglietti.....	B.....	Boston U....
3...	Jim Fordham.....	B.....	Georgia,....
4...	Tipp Mooney.....	B.....	Texas Christ
6...	Gene Ronzani.....	B.....	Marquette...
7...	Ed Sprinkle.....	T.....	Hardin-Simmo
8...	Bill Glenn.....	B.....	E. Ill. Stat
12...	Abe Croft.....	E.....	Southern Met
13...	Jake Sweeney.....	T.....	Cincinnati..
14...	George Zorich.....	G.....	Northwestern
16...	George Musso.....	G.....	Millikin (De
17...	Pete Gudauskas.....	G.....	Murray State
19...	Dominic Sigillo.....	T.....	Xavier (Cinc
20...	Fred Mundee.....	C.....	Notre Dame..
23...	Connie Berry.....	E.....	North Caroli
26...	Al Hoptowit.....	T.....	Washington S
29...	Douglas McEnulty.....	B.....	Wichita.....
30...	George Wilson.....	E.....	Northwestern
32...	Al Grygo.....	B.....	South Caroli
33...	John Long.....	B.....	Colgate.....
37...	Bob Masters.....	B.....	Baylor.....
42...	Sid Luckman.....	B.....	Columbia.....
44...	Henry Margarita.....	B.....	Brown.....
46...	Al Babartsky.....	T.....	Fordham.....
51...	Rudy Smeja.....	E.....	Michigan....
57...	Ray McLean.....	B.....	St. Anselm's
66...	Clyde Turner.....	C.....	Hardin-Simmo
76...	Elmo Kelly.....	E.....	Wichita.....
82...	Tom Roberts.....	T.....	De Paul.....



# ROSTER -

LEGE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
.....	29	6	214	7th
.....	27	5-11	215	1st
ian.....	24	5-10	195	1st
.....	35	5-10	190	7th
ns (Texas).....	20	6-1	190	1st
e Tech. (Charleston).....	26	6	175	1st
nodist.....	22	6	183	1st
.....	21	6-3	240	1st
.....	25	6-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	219	1st
catur, Ill.).....	33	6-2	270	12th
Teachers (Texas).....	27	6-2	222	2nd
innati).....	28	5-11	230	2nd
.....	31	6-1	220	2nd
na State.....	28	6-3	218	3rd
tate.....	29	6-1	218	3rd
.....	22	6-3	215	2nd
.....	29	6-1	190	8th
na.....	25	5-10	170	1st
.....	23	6	186	1st
.....	26	5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	201	2nd
.....	28	6	195	6th
.....	22	5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	183	1st
.....	29	6	225	2nd
.....	23	6-2	196	1st
(Manchester).....	26	5-10	168	5th
ns (Texas).....	24	6-1	235	5th
.....	27	6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	200	1st
.....	28	6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	190	1st

CLYDE TURNER -- Center

First Hardin-Simmons man to wear a Bear uniform. Born March 10, 1919 in Sweetwater, Texas. Went to Sweetwater high and played football. Won 3 letters for same at college and a Bachelor of Arts degree. Was 3-game captain in 1939 and acquired nickname of "Bulldog". Weighs 235 pounds and stands 6 feet, 1 inch. National poll 1940. Fifth season.

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SID LUCKMAN -- Back

Born in Brooklyn Nov. 21, 1916, Sid attended Erasmus high school and then enrolled at Columbia where he was outstanding on a mediocre eleven in 1938. He weighs 197 pounds and is 6 feet in height. He earned 3 letters for football and 3 for baseball, playing shortstop. Zeta Beta Tau. B.S. degree. Most valuable in 1943.

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GARY FAMIGLIETTI -- Back

First Boston university player to join Bears. Graduate Bachelor of Science degree in business management. Played varsity grid three years and also won letter for track. Weighs 210 pounds and measures 6 feet. Was born in Medford, Mass., Nov. 28, 1914, and it's still his home. Was a member of the nation's All-Star squad in 1938. Alpha Phi Delta. Seventh season.

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JAMES FORDHAM -- Back

This hard driving athlete first saw the light of day in Graymont, Ga., Dec. 6, 1916, and that being the case when he established a permanent residence it had to be in Georgia (Savannah) for he also graduated from Georgia with a B.S. degree and 3 awards for football and the same for track. Jim stands 5 feet, 11 inches and tips the beam at 215 pounds. His hobby is hunting and someday he hopes to become an expert at farm forestry. Don't mention barbecued chicken.

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### WILLIAM GLENN — Back

First member of the club from Eastern Illinois State Teachers college (Charleston). Was born March 15, 1918 in St. Louis but now lives in Fairfield, Ill. Stands 6 feet, weighs 176 pounds. At college annexed ten letters, 2 for football, and 4 each for basketball and baseball and graduated with a B.E. degree. Bill has ambitions to become a coach but his hobby is playing baseball and golf, and he is very adept at both.

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### AL GRYGRO — Back

Born in Erie, Pa., Aug. 14, 1918, Al chose South Carolina as his Alma Mater and graduated with an A.B. degree, letters in football and track, and a membership in Sigma Chi. Home town is now Columbia, S.C. Wants to become a football coach and doubtless will eventually. Weight is 170 and height is 5 feet, 10 inches. One of the squad's lightweights. Plays golf and good any time and thinks Jim Thorpe was tops.

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### JOHN LONG — Back

Won nine letters at Colgate for baseball, basketball and football and a B.A. degree. On the side he was made a member of Beta Theta Pi. Lives in South Orange, N.J., where he was born Dec. 13, 1914. Hobby is flying and business ambition is to direct manufacturing of some product that will serve the people. His favorite dish is that of the majority of his mates, steak, and favorite actor is Gable of the movies. 6 feet tall, 186 pounds.

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HENRY MARGARITA — Back

A Delta Phi from Brown university who was born November 3, 1920 in Boston. Known to his mates as Bob, Robert being his middle name, he aspires someday to become a coach. Bob earned an A.B. degree and two letters in football. His hobby is art and reading and he is one of the seventeen who voted steak as the favorite food. He now lives in Medford, Mass. Weight 183, height 5 feet,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

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ROBERT MASTERS — Back

One of the few players who did not start his National League career with the Bears, Bob came to the club last year after three seasons with Philadelphia. The 201 pound,  $5-11\frac{1}{2}$  inch athlete was born Jan. 16, 1913 in Comanche, Texas. He attended Baylor university and came out with a B.B.A. degree and 3 football and 2 track citations. To be a football coach is his business desire.

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DOUGLAS McENULTY — Back

Another giant who measures 6 feet, 3 inches and who scales 215 pounds. His birthday is Jan. 16, 1922 in Tonganoxie, Kans. Attended East high, Wichita and then Wichita university, graduating with letters for football (captain 1942), track and basketball. A member of the National Honor Society for two years. A musician (piano).

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### RAYMOND McLEAN — Back

The first St. Anselm (Manchester, N.H.) man to ever play with the Bears. Home is Concord, N.H., and he was born Dec. 6, 1915. Attended Cushing Academy (Mass.) and earned letters for football, basketball, track, hockey. At college 3 each for football and hockey. Grid co-captain 1939. B.A. degree. Weight 168 pounds. Height 5 feet, 10 inches. Fifth year.

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### TIPP MOONEY — Back

Being Irish it is no coincidence that he was born in Shamrock, Texas, April 19, 1919. He attended Texas Christian and got his B.S. degree and 4 years in football and 2 in track. He is another who is pointing to football coaching as a profession. Tipp is "Junior" in the family and he stands 5 feet, 10 inches and weighs 195. His athletic hero is Bulldog Turner and he weighs 195 pounds.

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### GENE RONZANI — Back

Came to the Bears from Marquette University in 1932 and played halfback and quarter for six years. He then was made player-manager of the Newark (N.J.) Bears, the farm club of the Chicago Bears. He returned to the club this year. Gene was born March 28, 1909 in Iron Mountain, Mich. At the university he won 9 letters, three each for football, basketball and track. He weighs 190 pounds and stands 5 feet, 10 inches.

- COACHES -

ANDERSON, who now resides in Detroit, is having a long and colorful career in the game. After graduation at Notre Dame he played guard in the 1920 Bear team and was assistant coach to Knute Rockne at N. D. and later head man at the institution. He coached at North Carolina State, Michigan, Cincinnati U., St. Louis U. and was line coach of the Detroit Lions before joining the Bears in 1940.

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JOHNSON (Northwestern) played end on the club 1928-1936 and was named on the 1933 all-league selections. He was appointed assistant coach in 1937 and has served every year but 1940. His specialty as a player was catching forward passes. He lives in Evanston, Ill.

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DRISCOLL (Northwestern), one of the all-time greats, played halfback six years with Cardinals and two with the Bears, 1926-7. Driscoll could do anything with a football and exceptionally well. He coached St. Mel high school for several years and Marquette U. 1938-40. He lives in Evanston, Ill.

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BRUMBAUGH, who attracted wide attention in 1928 when, playing at Florida, he scored three touchdowns against Auburn in seven minutes on runs of 85, 60 and 35 yards. He piloted the Bears 1932-6, and was assistant coach in 1938 and 1940. He coached at Boston U. and returned to the Bears this season. As a player he was a master strategist.

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NOTE--Ray Nolting in his 9th season was injured at the start of the season.

Sid Luckman, voted the most valuable player for 1943, is in Maritime Service.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE RECORDS 1943  
Gains From Scrimmage and Scoring

	*Yds.	Tr.	Av.	Td.	Pat.	Fg.	Pts.
Clark.....	556	120	4.6	10	0	0	60
Magnani.....	310	51	6.1	4	0	0	24
Famiglietti...	229	64	3.6	2	0	0	12
Nolting.....	209	38	5.5	1	0	0	6
McLean.....	127	35	3.6	3	0	0	18
Osmanski.....	102	37	2.8	1	0	0	6
Nagurski.....	84	16	5.2	1	0	0	6
McEnulty.....	45	16	2.8	1	0	0	6
Geyer.....	36	16	2.2	4	0	0	24
Masters.....	16	4	4	0	0	0	0
Steuber.....	3	1	3	0	0	0	0
Snyder.....	20	6	3	0	#39	2	45
Luckman.....	40	22	1.8	1	0	0	6
Pool.....	0	0	0	5	0	0	30
Wilson.....	0	0	0	5	0	0	30
Benton.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	18
Berry.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	12

\*Yds.-Total yards; Tr.-Tries; Av.-Average gain;  
Td.-Touchdowns; Pat.-Points after touchdowns;  
Fg.-Field goals; Pts.-Total points.

#-League record.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS 1943  
Forward Passing

	Throwing					Receiving		
	*Tr.	Com.	Yds.	Pct.	Int.	C.	Yds.	Td.
Luckman.....	202	110	#2194	545	12	0	0	0
Snyder.....	26	7	116	268	4	0	0	0
Clark.....	1	0	0	0	0	23	535	7
Wilson.....						21	293	5
McLean.....						18	435	2
Pool.....						18	363	5
Benton.....						13	235	3
Magnani.....						6	88	1
Geyer.....						5	123	2
Nolting.....						5	90	0
Berry.....						4	99	2
Siegal.....						2	29	0
Famiglietti....						1	10	0
McEnulty.....						1	10	1

\*Tr.-No. thrown; Com.-Completed; Yds.-Total yards;  
Pct.-Percentage; Int.-Intercepted; C.-Caught;  
Yds.-Total gain; Td.-Touchdowns.

#-League record. Luckman also threw 28 scoring passes,  
league record.



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PAST NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1921—Chicago Bears	1932—Chicago Bears
1922—Canton Bulldogs (Bears second)	1933—Chicago Bears
1923—Canton Bulldogs (Bears second)	1934—New York Giants (Bears second)
1924—Cleveland (Bears second)	1935—Detroit Lions (Bears tie for fourth)
1925—Chicago Cardinals (Bears sixth)*	1936—Green Bay Packers (Bears second)
1926—Frankford, Pa. (Phil.) (Bears second)	1937—Washington Redskins (Bears second)
1927—New York Giants (Bears third)	1938—New York Giants (Bears fifth)
1928—Providence, R.I. (Bears fourth)	1939—Green Bay Packers (Bears third)
1929—Green Bay Packers (Bears ninth)**	1940—Chicago Bears
1930—Green Bay Packers (Bears third)	1941—Chicago Bears
1931—Green Bay Packers (Bears third)	1942—Washington Redskins (Bears second)
	1943—Chicago Bears

\* Twenty teams in league    \*\* Twelve teams in league